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FOR DETECTING VIRUS

AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 24, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as shown below. The after-final Amendment filed December 23, 2009 has not been entered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.